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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application. In view of the above Amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-8 and 17-19 are now present in this application. Claims 1 and 17 are independent. Claims 9-16 and 20 have been canceled. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 1-8 and 17-19 are allowable. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in this application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomishima. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomishima in view of Harold-Barry. Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tomishima in view of Harold-Barry and Tomishima. Claims 13, 15, 16 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youn in view of Tomishima. Claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youn in view of Tomishima and Kudora et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 9-16 and 20 have been canceled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are moot.

Because claims 1-8 and 17-19 are allowable, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

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Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final, in that it raises no new issues but merely places the claims in a form more clearly patentable over the references of record. In the alternative, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment After Final in that it reduces the issues for appeal.

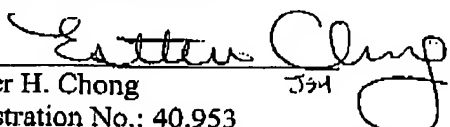
If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Jun S. Ha, Registration No. 58,508, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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